

tax dollars so that when the federal government comes in because of the elections that happened last November, of course that's never said but it's kind of inferred, when they come in and try to limit spending in these areas, we will have spent more money so that when they cap that spending we'll get more of our federal tax dollars spent here in Nebraska than we had previously. So we're spending our money to Maximus to go after more of our money, our federal tax money, so that we can spend even more of our federal tax money. That's what it is to me. It's not federal funds, it's not all these nice words that you use about leveraging and maximizing and all these other things, you're talking tax dollars here and you're talking about hiring people with millions of dollars of our tax money so you can go out and spend more of our tax dollars. And to me that whole idea was just incredible and it never has been refuted in all of what I've discussed with the Governor's Office, with the people during the hearing, none of it has ever been refuted. That's exactly what they're doing here and what's happening. Beyond that, I wanted to...you can read this any time you want to, this is some of the hearing information that was at the Government hearing, but I thought this was particularly interesting that this individual said, as you know, Governor Nelson is interested in reducing unfunded federal mandates. The federal Congress uses two methods to create an unfunded mandate. One, sometimes there is no federal source of funding no matter how carefully you look. So that means I guess a mandate with no money attached. And, two, sometimes the funding is hidden in bureaucratic complexity. Now other people have said this on the radio and now it was said in the hearing that we have to go out and hire people to wade through the bureaucracy that the federal government and the state governments have created in these programs so that we can maximize spending even more money on these programs and in these areas. I hope people realize that that's the way it really is and that's exactly what we're doing here on this particular contingency contract. Above and beyond thinking it's very necessary to put in some kind of state policy and I understand the Governor has done that within the last few days but I would like to have it in statute. Above and beyond that, this particular contract to me is so incredibly a waste of our tax dollars to such a degree that I think people can't even hear themselves when they're talking about maximizing and leveraging and all these other things. These are people's hard-earned money that you're talking about here...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.